

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 5, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

On page 3, line 13, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention

On page 3, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 15-26 as follows:

The electric motor or electric machine according to the present invention, which is used in a particularly advantageous manner as a starting device for an internal combustion engine, ~~with the characteristics of the main claim,~~ has the advantage that placing an electric resistor with a suitable, in particular negative, temperature coefficient in the main current path of the electromagnetically excitable rotor of the electric motor of the starter device limits the so-called short-circuit current and therefore also the electrical system voltage drop with a simultaneously minimal power loss during cranking operation. In an advantageous manner, the electrical resistor with the suitable, in particular negative, temperature coefficient is embodied in the form of a monocrystalline semiconductor. It is then possible for the resistor, also referred to as the NTC resistor, to be of an acceptable, small size.

On page 5, line 6, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 6, line 9, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments